

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 2 as follows --

This object is achieved in accordance with the invention by a power transmitting driving gear, in particular, a toothed wheel for tools made from a non-hardened steel having a ferritic or perlitic structure and a base hardness of the uncoated steel surface of at least 25 HRC (Rockwell hardness test, scale C) and with a hard surface coating having a thickness of less than 10µm. --.

Please amend the penultimate paragraph of page 4 as follows --

The surface of the inventive coated driving gear may furthermore have a microhardness HV 0.03 (Vickers hardness test, scale 0.03 = test force of 0.3N) of at least HV 1200 (Vickers hardness), in particular of at least HV 1250. The micro hardness is measured with a sufficiently small test load so that it actually represents the hardness of the surface coating, i.e. the test body does not penetrate through the surface coating. --.